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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 09/662,168 ) Group Art Unit: 2621  
Filed: September 14, 2000 )  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
APPARATUS, RECORDING :  
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,583,644  
U.S. Patent No. 6,034,788  
Japan 2-643951

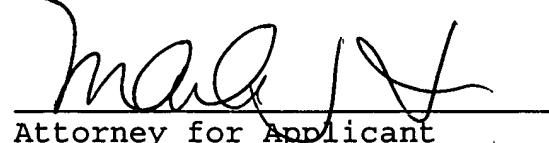
Japan 2-643951 discloses an image processing system which reads a standard chart a having plural different gradations to calibrate a reading means, and to calibrate image forming means using the calibrated reading means. The standard chart is provided in the reading means. Further, the reference discloses that it is not necessary to discriminate whether the chart is

a chart for the reading means or a chart for the image forming means.

Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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